



Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above

poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming **Transforming Lives Tour**. You will learn about:

- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homelessness prevention through housing
- An update on "Claire's House", home for trafficked minors
- School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

Learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour. For more information, contact Sween Gardner at sgardner@cceb.org or (510)768-3161

CLASSIFIED

I'm looking for someone to look after my mom 20 to 25 hours a week. Mostly as companion taking her on short walk's and having conversations. And some light cleaning. Please contact Ben Walker at 510 557-1297. Thank you....

PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please, seriously consider registering with St. Benedict as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form located on the back of this bulletin and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we.

ARE YOU A FAN OF ST. BENEDICT?

Well if you're a Facebook member, Like our Page! You can find us under the following title:

Fans of St. Benedict Church Oakland, CA

Make sure that you like our page as well as spread the word to many of your family and friends. This is a great way to keep up with the latest News and Updates with St. Benedict Church.

THE CHOIR'S CORNER

What's going on??

Interested in joining any of the Choirs?

Please feel free to contact Music Director, Leonard Pete.

Phone: 510-917-2390

Email: thevoicesofstbenedicts@yahoo.com

Or just join us at Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6pm.

Are you on Facebook?

Like our page! We're titled **The VOICES of St. Benedict - Oakland, CA**

St. Benedict's Weekly Events

Sunday, August 19	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Masses	Church
Monday, August 20			
Tuesday, August 21			
Wednesday, August 22	9:30 am - 11:00 am	SVDP-Distribution of Food Bags	Church
Thursday, August 23	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Cursillo Fourth Day	Center
Friday, August 24	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Line Dancing Class	Hall
Saturday, August 25	4:30 pm	Mass	Church

PLEASE JOIN US!

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle	Chair/Facilitator
Dionne Cola	Vice Chair/ Assistant Facilitator
Leonard Pete	Meeting Recorder

MEMBERS

- Ariana Catherine
- Sidney Fernandes
- Jules Garibaldi
- Romel Lucas
- Linda Smith
- Jaylynn St. Julian
- Tara Sykes
- Ofelia Wanzo

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? To request a *registration form*, please complete and drop in the offertory basket. Have you moved?

Had an information change?

Let us know by completing and returning.
We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Benedict Parish use only.

Name: _____
 Phone# _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____

Send Me A Registration Form

Change of Address Moving out of Parish



MISSION STATEMENT

As the people of God who are loved by the Father, being saved by the Son, and strengthened and endowed with the gifts of the Spirit for the service of the Lord, and all here at St. Benedict, we resolve in the spirit of Christian unity and cooperation to use our gifts and talents in building up the Kingdom of God in East Oakland

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jayson Landeza
PASTOR

Ms. Dionne Cola
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr. Ron Tutson
DEACON

Rev. Paul Vassar
CLERGY SUPPLY

Rev. Vincent Cotter
IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Aris Martin, SVD
IN RESIDENCE

Mr. Rufus Fisher
BUILDING FACILITIES MANAGER

Dr. Chiquita Tuttle
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Miss Ariana Catherine
YOUTH MINISTER

Mrs. Divina Cabrera
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Mr. Leonard Pete
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ofelia Wanzo
CCD DIRECTOR

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY:
4:30 PM (VIGIL MASS)

SUNDAY:
8:30 AM
11:00 AM (GOSPEL MASS)

MON, WED & FRI:
7:30 AM (8:00AM ON HOLIDAYS)

CONFESSION

SATURDAY:
3:45 PM TO 4:15 PM
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

BAPTISM
INSTRUCTION OF PARENTS REQUIRED

MARRIAGE
6 MONTHS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS):

Holy Sepulchre, St. Mary's and St. Joseph Cemeteries.
Contact CFCS/Cooper's Chapel at (510) 362-0424 or www.cfcsoakland.org

Congratulations!

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Benedict Court #336

2018 Court of the Year

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. Most Christians believe that when Jesus spoke these words he was referring to the bread and wine we use in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

We'll probably never know why Jesus chose bread instead of a lamb, a goat, or some other food or why he chose wine instead of milk, water, or some other liquid. What we do know is that bread and wine became powerful symbols of the Christian community.

Just as we grind many grains of wheat to make bread and press many grapes to make wine, many people come together to make up the Church. When we bring the bread and wine to the altar, what we are offering is not just bread and wine but all those who have been baptized into God's family.

The bread and the wine also symbolize our own personal gifts to God. Anyone who baked bread in the days before food processors became popular knows that kneading dough calls for a lot of muscle. So bread is symbolic of hard work and when we bring our bread to God we offer God all the effort and sweat of our labors.

Wine is symbolic of joy because we often drink it at our parties and on special occasions. When we bring our gift of wine to the altar, we offer God all the good times of our life and we invite God to become part of those good times.

Jesus is interested not only in our problems but also in our joys. The next time something good happens to us, bring that event to Jesus in prayer and tell Jesus how we feel about it just as we would share that same news with a friend. Jesus really does care!

I am humbly grateful for the recognition and achievement of our St. Benedict Ladies Auxiliary Court 336 for being awarded the Court of the Year for the FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY and the Western States District at the annual Knights of Peter Claver Convention two weeks ago in Anaheim. Abundant blessings and much gratitude for God's generosity! I am so proud of you - congratulations to KPC Auxiliary #336!

I am writing this on Thursday here at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic parish on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. Since Hawaii is three hours back from Oakland, word of Aretha Franklin's passing has gotten to the Islands. Many of us who grew up on her music and whose memories of her span our lifetimes are deeply

saddened by her passing. Indeed the end of an era. Growing up in the flatlands of West Berkeley, attending schools that were predominantly African American, jazz, R&B and soul music heavily influenced my listening choices, and KDIA was my station of choice as a child. Aretha Franklin's was so much a part of their repertoire. For many of us, her death is a passing of an era, and a part of our childhood that has gone on. May Ms. Franklin rest in peace.

Fr. Aris' mother has been undergoing some very serious health setbacks, and he has decided to return to his native Philippines to be with her as she possibly transitions. Fr. Aris is taking a leave from his academic studies to attend to the needs of his family during time and will be gone from St. Benedict for at least the next five months. Fr. Vince Cotter, who is now living here in Retirement at St. Benedict, will be helping me on a more frequent basis until Fr. Aris returns. Please keep Fr. Aris, his mother and their family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Just to let you know, our **11:00 Gospel Choir** will be on a well-deserved break throughout the month of August. Words can't begin to express my gratitude for their wonderful and blessed ministry. Dorgan McDade will be leading the music as cantor at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. We've got the best choir in the Diocese of Oakland! Praise God!

I will be gone throughout most of August, with Hawaii and the annual diocesan priests' retreat. Since I usually take a good portion of my yearly vacation during the month of August, I generally see my family in Hawaii and help out at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Catholic Church on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. I will be gone **from Monday, August 13th to Saturday, August 25th**. When I return from Hawaii, I will be making my annual priest retreat (along with other priests from the Diocese of Oakland) at Villa Maria Del Mar, the Holy Names Sisters retreat center on the beach in Santa Cruz. That will be **from Monday, August 27th to Friday, August 31st**. Just letting folks know.

**God bless,
Fr. Jayson Landeza**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Once again, National Night Out was a big success. We had about 164 people participated, and everyone enjoyed the food, music, dancing and visiting with one another. Thank you parishioners for your financial support, food donations and raffle prizes. Thank you Jorge for great music, Thank you The Voices of St. Benedict for your performance. Thank you NNO Committee for your hard work and dedication in your efforts to plan, cook, setup and clean up.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 thru September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

CCD CLASSES

Registration forms for students in grades 1 – 8 are available at the back of the church. Sunday classes will start on September 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Children in second grade this year and older, preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist must be registered in, attending CCD classes regularly. No child will be accepted in the sacramental preparation classes after October 7, 2018.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Just a reminder folks: You can continue to support our fundraising efforts. If you enjoyed our wine tasting event and found one you especially liked, please continue to order and enjoy as the Church will receive a percentage of the purchase price which then goes to our maintenance fund. Thank you for your support.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2018. If you would like to offer a Mass for the (Living) Intentions of your family/friends, or for your deceased family members/friends, stop by the Parish Office during office hours. We will be happy to assist you.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick and homebound who would like to receive communion at their home or if you know someone who is sick and is in need of prayers, please contact Divina Cabrera at the church office (510) 632-1847. Request for prayers will be listed in the bulletin for one month and extended upon request.

THANK YOU

The St. Benedict Line Dance would like to thank our friends and church family for their ongoing support. Our 6th annual luncheon held on Saturday, August 4th was a huge success resulting in donations of \$2,225.00. Proceeds will go to the church for specific amenities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 19	8:30 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	
Monday, August 20	7:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, August 22	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 24	7:30 a.m.	Candelaria Bantay†
Saturday, August 25	4:30 p.m.	Edmond Lewis†

CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection:	August 12, 2018	\$6,407.26
	"100" Club	\$40.00

"100" CLUB

Beginning Balance	\$7,794.42
Total Income for July 2018	\$680.00
Ending balance as of July 31, 2018	\$8,474.42

PENNY HARVEST

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2018	\$1,296.68
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Please remember to bring your pennies and drop them off by the altar before or after Mass. There's no need to wrap your pennies in a roll.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

AUGUST 25/26, 2018

There is a practice and faith sharing session for these Lectors on Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Rectory.

4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
I. Dees	J. Grant	L. Dixon
B. Burns	R. LeBlanc-Cunningham	S. Gressel
		C. Hadnot *

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Linda Davis
Kalene Parker
Anita Recania
Laura Scotlan



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SECOND COLLECTION

MISSION COOPERATIVE - THIS WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - NEXT WEEKEND